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Holidays Come Early for City Afterschool Kids

Unique Adopt-a-Site Effort Gives Children in "6 to 6" Program Early Visit From Santa Claus

SAN DIEGO – Local school children are experiencing first-hand that the true meaning of the holidays is about giving, not receiving. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Santa Claus will deliver gifts to students in the City's "6 to 6" afterschool programs at Marshall, Perkins, Emerson-Bandini and Baker schools in the south-east area of San Diego, Logan Heights area and the Barrio Logan area of San Diego.

For the fifth consecutive year, students from the Solana Beach Child Development Center (CDC), which provides afterschool program services to Carmel Creek, Skyline, Solana Pacific, Solana Santa Fe, Solana Vista and Solana Highlands elementary schools along with Solana Beach Child Development Center Preschool, collected toys for kids less fortunate than themselves.

Children selected decorative ornaments identifying the name, gender and age of a student from a sister City program site that hung on trees in each Solana Beach CDC site and each classroom in the preschool at the District Office. The children purchased gifts which were brought into the Solana Beach site where staff and families wrapped them. The gifts will be distributed on December 13th and 14th by Santa with a little help from Solana Beach CDC children who will serve as elves during the deliveries.

"It's very gratifying to see local children doing their part to help others in need during the holiday season," said Wendy Werner, City of San Diego's "6 to 6" Program Monitor. "We are truly grateful for the wonderful generosity of the Solana Beach CDC. Their efforts are going to make a lot of children in our '6 to 6' program very happy."

San Diego's "6 to 6" program is overseen by the City of San Diego's Community and Economic Development Department, in partnership with area school districts. The program is committed to opening community schools before and after normal school hours to provide a safe place where elementary and middle school-aged children and youth can receive academic assistance and tutoring, and participate in recreational activities such as arts, crafts and sports while their parents are at work.

For more information about San Diego's "6 to 6" Program contact the City's Community and Economic Development Department at (619) 236-6312 or visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov/ced.

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